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Applicants: Kenneth R. Schmidt, et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: